National Renewal Fund

@@3117. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Renewal Fund is primarily or even only being used as a public sector employees' retrenchment benefit fund;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the important aspects of retraining and redeployment are being marginalised, hence increasing the problem of labour redundancy; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) In the first instance, assistance from the National Renewal Fund has been provided for implementation of Voluntary Retirement Scheme in Central Public Sector Undertakings. Rs. 829.66 crores in 1992-93 and Rs. 830 crores in 1993-94 have been allocated for the purpose. An additional amount of Rs. 140.05 crores has also been provided for workers compensation package in the event of closure/rehabilitation and for Voluntary Retirement Scheme in State Public Sector Undertakings. A sum of Rs. 50 crores has also been made available for workers' counselling and retraining and for area regeneration schemes, in the financial year 1993-94. Six pilot projects have been approved for the purpose of worker retraining and redeployment.

Arrears by SEBs and Power Corporations to BHEL

@@@3118. SHRIMATI CHANDRIKA ABHINANDAN JAIN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether arrears from various state electricity boards and Power Corporations to BHEL have increased considerably;

(b) if so, the break-up of such arrears for the years 1990-91, 1991-92, 1992.93 and as on date; and

(c) the measures being taken by BHEL to realise these arrears?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The break-up of the arrears are approximately as under:—

(Amount in Rs. Crores)

	SEBs	Power Corpns.	Total
1990-91	599	435	1034
1991-92	618	449	1067
1992-93	724	527	1251
As on (end Jan., 1994)	595	427	1022

@@Previously unstarred Question No. No. 1948 transferred from 7th March, 1994.

(c) BHEL is taking the following steps to realise these arrears:—

(i) Constant follow-up with each customer and the concerned State Government Authorities.

(ii) Credit facilities through financial institutions like IDBI, ICICI etc. are arranged for the customers which in turn would help realisation of the arrears.

Hardships of NRIs to set up industries

3119. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of non-residential Indians who came to India during the last three years to establish industries here but returned back due to hurdles faced by them in the process;

(b) whether Government have identified the reasons in this regard and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps Government have taken to facilitate such investments in the country; and

(d) the results achieved so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b) Since the announcement of New Industrial Policy in July 1991, 1857 proposals have been approved till January, 1994 for setting up of industries by non-residential Indians (NRIs). No specific instance about the NRIs having returned back due to hurdles faced by them in the process, has been brought to the notice of the Government.

(c) and (d) Government has already taken a number of steps, including permission to invest upto 100 per cent foreign equity, to boost NRI investment. This is an on-going process and Government is making all out efforts to mop up NRIs investment.

As a result of various steps taken, the NRIs investment in the country has increased from about Rs. 330.40 crores in 1991 to about Rs. 3250 crores in 1993.

Sick units in Thane District

3120. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of sick units in Thane District of Maharashtra, Small Scale, Medium scale, and large scale industry-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government have received proposals from such sick units/labour unions to run the plant; if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what is the action contemplated on such proposals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.

Infrastructure for growth centres

3121. SHRI G. Y. KRISHNAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Questions 69 and 564 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 2nd December, 1993 and 24th February, 1994, respectively, and state,

(a) whether it is a fact that infrastructural facilities have not been developed since June, 1988 in the Bawal Growth Centre (Haryana), the only growth centre under the jurisdiction of National Capital Region; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor and by when it is likely to be developed and commissioned to lessen the burden of National Capital, Delhi State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b)

@@@ Previously Unstarred Question No. 2179 Transferred from 8th March, 1994.